MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know from the member whether there was any mismanagement or confusion in the Municipality so as to necessitate the appointment of an official President?

PRESIDENT: It has been answered already that the mismanagement is being gradually removed, and I do not think there has been any further confusion or mismanagement.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether it is a fact that the confusion arose on account of the mischief of a clerk in that Municipality?

PRESIDENT That does not arise.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the nature of the irregularity found against that Municipality?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Irregularities in collection and mismanagement of revenues.

PRESIDENT: There was general mismanagement of revenues in short.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Was there any defalcation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the back file to answer that question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the Government have ascertained whether the irregularity existed due to the incompetency of the person who was President at that particular time or whether it was due to the functioning of non-official Presidents?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already said that at the time when the municipal affairs were examined, it was found to be so bad that Government thought that, under a non-official President, things would not improve. They did not enquire at the time whether there was any other non-official gentleman who could take over the management of the Municipality.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): My question is whether the Government have tried to ascertain whether the irregularities were due to the fact that there was a non-official President functioning then.

PRESIDENT: The action of Government in putting an official President over the affairs of the Municipality answers that question.

Sub-Registrar's Office at Nagercoil.

5. ✻ **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they received any proposal to construct an office for the Sub-Registrar Cutcherry at Nagercoil;

(*b*) if so, when;

(*c*) whether any estimate was prepared therefor;

(*d*) if so, when it was so prepared;

(*e*) whether that work has been begun; and

(*f*) if not, why not?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In January 1914.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) to (*f*) In view of the answer to part (c), these do not arise.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know why there was no estimate prepared for the purpose of beginning the work?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In January 1914, the Director requested Government that a Sub-Registry Office may be constructed at Nagercoil. The Government at that time thought that the matter was not urgent and it was allowed to lie over. The Public Works Department was therefore not asked to prepare an estimate.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the Government will be pleased to reconsider the question?

PRESIDENT: That question does not arise as a supplementary question.

Agastisvaram Sub-Treasury Office.

6. ✻**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to shift the Agastisvaram Sub-Treasury office from its present place to the old Vernacular School premises; and

(*b*) if so, why it has not yet been done?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Certain repairs and improvements to the building were found necessary, before the office could be shifted. It is reported that the work is now in progress.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know if the estimate was prepared for effecting improvement and what was the amount for it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes. The estimate comes to Rs. 2,000.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know how much remains unoccupied?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I claim notice.

Construction of a groyne in the Kulakkada river.

7. ✻ **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): With reference to the answer to the question regarding the construction of a groyne on the bank of the Kulakkada river, given on 1st August 1931, in the Legislative Council (*vide* Vol. XIX, pages 305 to 308, of the Travancore Legislative Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state:

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